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Parliament security breach

Anti-terror law against accused

- IB Officers from Delhi visit Mysuru, begin probe
- Accused first met in Mysuru, say Delhi Cops

New Delhi / Mysuru, Dec. 14 (RK&BCT)- Five persons — Sagar Sharma, Neelam Azad, D. Manoranjan, Amol Shinde and Vicky Sharma — who have been arrested in connection with the security breach in Parliament yesterday have been charged under anti-terror law, Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), besides sections in Indian Penal Code (IPC).

They are scheduled to be produced in a Court today. Delhi Police's anti-terror cell is questioning the accused and IPC charges invoked against them include those relating to criminal conspiracy, promoting enmity and use of force to prevent a public servant from exercising duty. The accused used yellow smoke canisters inside LS and outside Parliament. Lalit Jha shot videos of the other accused deploying smoke canisters outside and fled with their cell phones. He is on the run. Vicky Sharma allegedly sheltered the other accused at his Gurgaon (Gurugram) home. He and his wife have been arrested.

Police deployed in front of the house of one of the accused Manoranjan in Mysuru city this morning.

(See ANTI-TERROR on page 6)

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Thursday 14th December 2023

'Nupura Shri' award for Vidu. Lalita Kore Rao

Vidushi Lalita Kore M. Rao was conferred 'Nupura Shri' award during 'Smt.K. Vanajakshamma Samsmarana Nritya Aradhana 2023' programme organised by Nupura Kalavidaru Samskrutika Trust in association with Kannada & Culture Department, GoK, at Ganabharathi's Ramagovinda Kalavedike in Kuvempunagar recently. Union Ministry of Labour former Director K. Krishnamurthy, Hassan's AVK College's retired faculty Prof. Sharada Ashok Rao, Udupi's Vaikunta Baliga Law College Director Dr. Nirmala Harikrishna, art patron from Bengaluru K. Ramesh Rao, Nupura Kalavidaru Samskrutika Trust Trustee Latha R. Rao, Managing Trustee K. Ramamurthy Rao, Vidu. Dr. Kripa Phadke and others were present. Vid. K.R. Vishwadeep, Vidu. Ramya Kiran and Manjushri Kadaba presented a 'Bharatanatyam' recital during the occasion.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Truth is the one virtue on which all other virtues can be built upon. Being truthful is an absolutely essential element in the making of a virtuous person. Yet, more often than not, we lie without batting an eyelid. We may lie often to hide the truth and sometimes to paint ourselves as "mightier than thou." Whatever the motive, sooner or later, hiding the truth or misrepresenting the truth or even evading the truth becomes a way of life until downright lying evokes no guilt or remorse.

The genesis of lying may date back to our childhood. Fearing a punishment from our elders and teachers we resort to a white lie. This phenomenon becomes a habit. We grow into an adult with scant regard for truth. But all the while being untruthful hinders our progress. Conversely, being a truthful person can make all the difference to a fruitful life. A truthful person can always be relied upon. He has the trust of those he associates with. People look up to him for this virtue. He is a role model for others to emulate. He does not have to be on guard or resort to unnecessary manipulation. This is why Mark Twain famously said, "You don't have to remember anything if you tell the truth."

Truth, in essence, is the foundation of a civilised man. It forms the bedrock of a progressive society. A nation that teaches its children the value of truth can be sure to reach great levels of fairness and progress. For, a lie may take care of the present, but it has no future. All the great leaders that the world has seen were proponents of truth. As Henry David Thoreau, the renowned President of the United States of America, frequently said, "Rather than love, than money, than fame, give me truth." Closer home, our very own Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of our nation, put it more succinctly when he affirmed, "Truth alone will endure, all the rest will be swept away before the tide of time. I must continue to bear testimony to truth even if I am forsaken by all. Mine may today be a voice in the wilderness, but it will be heard when all other voices are silenced, if it is the voice of Truth." —*Dorothy Victor in Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

AI system wrongly identifies scientist as murderer

Moscow: Russian hydrologist Alexander Tsvetkov was detained in February 2023, after an AI system determined that his face was a 55% match to the sketch of a murderer drawn 20 years ago by a witness.

Alexander Tsvetkov, a scientist at the Russian Academy of Sciences Institute of Inland Water Biology, has been living a nightmare for the past 10 months. He was removed from an airplane in February, following a work trip to Krasnoyarsk and informed that he had been identified as the author of a series of murders over 20 years ago. Investigators claimed that he and his alleged accomplice killed at least two people in Moscow and the Moscow region in August 2002, ignoring the testimonies of multiple scientists that Tsvetkov had been with them at the time of the murders.

Microwave bag that lets you heat meals on the go

Tokyo: The Willtex 'Willcook' microwave bag looks like a stylish laptop bag but is actually made out of conductive fabric that allows the user to heat the inside all the way up to 250 degrees Celsius.

Say what you will, but there's nothing more comforting than a nice hot meal on a cold winter day, especially when you're out and about. But what if you have no way of heating your lunch or ordering a hot meal? That's where the world's first microwave bag comes into place. Made out of an innovative fabric developed by Japanese company Sanki Consys Co. Ltd., the Willtex 'Willcook' bag looks like your average laptop bag, but it can heat up whatever you have stored inside to a temperature of 80 degrees Celsius in just 5 minutes. The bag itself weighs just 160 grams, while the rechargeable battery pack powering it weighs an extra 120 grams.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Regular self breast examination should be done by all women every month. If notice any unusual symptoms, can do Mammogram.

By Dr. Shaheen Akhtar - Consultant - Obstetrics & Gynecology - Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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Empowering Motherhood

'Parent Craft' Meet at Manipal Hospital on Sunday

Mysuru, Dec. 14- To provide comprehensive support and education to expectant mothers and their families, Manipal Hospital, Mysuru, has organised a 'Parent Craft' Meet, an interactive session, on Dec. 17 (Sunday) from 10.30 am to 1 pm at the Hospital premises.

The 'Parent Craft' initiative aims to guide mothers-to-be through the various stages of pregnancy, from pre-conception to antenatal and post-natal care. This programme will feature informative sessions by a team of multidisciplinary experts including Paediatrician, Dietician, Physiotherapist and Lactation Counsellor from Manipal Hospital. Other speakers are Dr. K.G. Amulya and Dr. Shaheen Akhtar, both Consultants in Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

The session includes dedicated exercise routines for expectant mothers, live demonstrations of healthy recipes for a well-balanced diet.

For further details, interested individuals may contact Mob: 96200-30123.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Power disruption

As Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) has taken up 3rd quarterly maintenance works at K. Vijayapura Power Distribution Centre, there will be no power supply tomorrow (Dec. 15) between 10 am and 6 pm in the following villages: Jayapura Gram Panchayat (GP) limits, Marballi GP limits, Gopalapura GP limits, Udbur GP limits, Dhanagalli GP limits, Harohalli GP limits and surrounding areas, according to a press release from CESC Executive Engineer, VV Mohalla Division.

Christmas at Sneha Kiran

The students of Sneha Kiran will be celebrating Christmas Gathering at Sneha Kiran of Mysore Spastic Society, CA 01/B, Bapuji Layout, Bogadi, Mysuru, on Dec. 15 at 10.30 am. Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Anthony Vazhapalli, Bishop Emeritus of Mysore, will preside. Advocate Gerald Castelino will be the chief guest. Rev. Fr. Peter will be the guest of honour, according to a press release.

Honouring athletes

Mysore Athletics Club, in association with Vidya Vikas Educational Institution, Mysuru, will be honouring Mysuru district's outstanding athletes, who have represented Karnataka State, High School, PU, Mysore University, Athletics teams in the National level Competition during the year 2022-23. The athletes will be honoured with cash prize, attractive memento and certificate. The Club will also choose one athlete as the 'Best Athlete of the Year' and also select 'Best Sports Journalist' and 'Best Sports Press Photographer' for their best performance during the year April 2022 to March 2023. The eligible athletes should send their application along with biodata, photo and copies of certificates to M. Yogendra on Mob: 94480-46667 or G.R. Prabhakar on 97519-71978 or C.K. Muralidhar on 98452-31243.

Security breach at New Parliament House, Delhi

Sagar Sharma, one of the intruders, hopping from one table to another, creating a panic situation in the Lok Sabha yesterday. Picture right shows the MPs amidst the colour smoke that was burst by another intruder, Manoranjan.

Hang him if found guilty, says Manoranjan's father

Devarajegowda says his son was well educated and was given a proper upbringing

Mysuru, Dec. 14 (PM&BCT)- "I will support him if he has done any good for society, but let him be hanged if he has committed any wrongdoing against society." These were the words of a distraught Devarajegowda, the father of 34-year-old D. Manoranjan, who was among those who intruded the Lok Sabha yesterday, spraying gas canisters.

Devarajegowda

Manoranjan and another accused, Sagar Sharma, obtained passes from the office of Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simmha for yesterday's Session. Speaking to reporters at his house in Vijayanagar Second Stage last evening, Devarajegowda said that his son has a collection of 4,000 to 5,000 books.

"I condemn the act by my son. This should not have been done and is wrong; nobody should engage in anything like that. If my son has done anything commendable, I, of course, support him. But if he has done something wrong, I strongly condemn it. Let him be held accountable if he has harmed society."

Family hailed from Hassan

Originally from Arkalgud in Hassan district, the family moved to Mysuru 15 years ago for the son's education. The land in Hassan has been developed by Devarajegowda for his son to lead an independent life, with provisions for poultry and sheep rearing. Manoranjan finished his high school education at St. Joseph's School and his PUC at Marimallappa's College in Mysuru.

He later did his Engineering in Bengaluru at Bangalore Institute of Technology (BIT). **However, Principal of BIT Dr. M.U. Ashwath told reporters this morning that Manoranjan had not completed his Engineering degree and had dropped out.**

"Every single person known to the family will vouch for Manoranjan's good character, and he did not cause any trouble in Vijayanagar and was well-behaved. We gave him the best education. We come from a good family and do not have connections with any organisations or political parties," Manoranjan's father said.

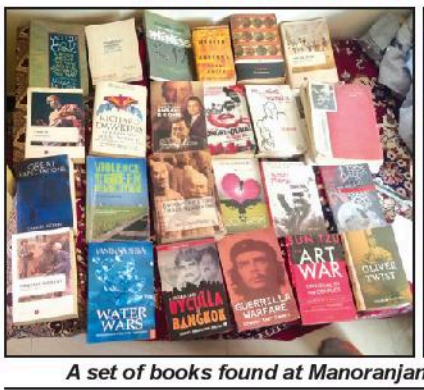
No bad habits

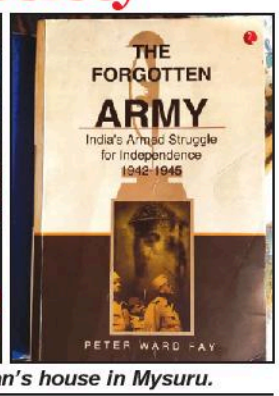
"We have given him a proper upbringing but had no idea what he would do. What happened today in Parliament, let it be done by anybody, be it my son or any other person, I vehemently condemn it," Devarajegowda said.

"One thing I would like to reiterate is that my son always had the feeling that he must serve society. We were forcing him to marry as he was already 34 years of age, but he asked us to wait as he kept saying he wanted to do something to help people, especially the downtrodden. Apart from that, he has no other bad or evil intentions. He did not have any other bad habits like smoking or drinking."

"My son had just one ideology — to serve the community. He had limited expenditure, and he used to take money from me. He used to go to our property in Arkalgud and he used to help me whenever we grew crops and plantations. Otherwise, he would stay at home. Sometimes he would go to Bengaluru," Devarajegowda said.

A bookworm and wanted to serve society





A set of books found at Manoranjan's house in Mysuru.

This incident has shocked me. My son told me that he is going to Bengaluru. I was not aware of his Delhi visit. He is innocent and is not associated with any organisation or anti-social elements. He is a bookworm, and I always see him reading books, especially those of Swami Vivekananda and wanted to do something on his own, Devarajegowda said. Manoranjan learnt boxing and used to teach it to children he knew. He volunteered to help the poor and distressed. He is interested in farming and helped in agriculture. "I even asked him to get married, but he did not show any interest. I know my son has always been honest. He always spoke of doing something good for society, even if it meant making sacrifices. As he was a good person and behaved well, we had deep trust in him and were not pestering him about his activities," he said.

Manoranjan

Accused had a misguided fixation with revolutionaries

New Delhi, Dec. 14 (Agencies)- Photos of Indian freedom fighters, including Bhagat Singh, Subhas Chandra Bose and Chandrashekhar Azad; quotes by Cuban revolutionary Fidel Castro and American socialist and labour activist Albert Parsons; images and videos from the farmers' protests; and visuals depicting the plight of MGNREGA workers — these are the content shared on social media by three of the five individuals accused in the Parliament breach, over the last two years.

Sagar Sharma

Amol Shinde

Neelam Singh

Yesterday, Lalit Jha posted a video on Instagram of two people — Neelam Singh (Neelam Azad on social media) and Amol Shinde — chanting "Jai Bhim", "Jai Bharat", and "Bharat Mata ki Jai", while releasing coloured gas from canisters outside Parliament.

"My name is Neelam. This Government of India is committing atrocities against us. We are unable to speak for our rights; the Police resort to lathi-charging, arrests and torture. We had no means to voice our rights. We are not affiliated with any association or groups. We are common people; we are students. We are unemployed," Neelam Singh, 42, shouted while being apprehended by the Police yesterday.

Sagar Sharma

Sagar Sharma, an e-rickshaw driver from Lucknow's Alambagh, left his family in shock. "I am shocked to see all this. My son is not like this. I can't believe he could do something like this," expressed Sagar's mother, Rani Sharma, stating that he is not associated with any political party.

"He had said that he is going to Delhi for a protest. We didn't ask him much," added his sister, Mahi Sharma. His father is a carpenter and the family resides in a rented house in Lucknow.

(See ACCUSED on page 5)

VOICE OF THE READER

Mysore Medical College

Nostalgic memories of an alumnus

Sir,

I congratulate Dr. C.G. Narasimhan for his elaborate articles about Mysore Medical College (MMC) and development of medical education in Karnataka State over the years. He has highlighted various aspects of this College in his three-part article ***(Mysore Medical College Centenary: My Memories*** in *SOM* dated Dec. 9, 10 and 11).

As I am also an alumnus of Mysore Medical College, I wish to add more. I joined during August 1961 as student of Pre- Professional course leading to MBBS (New Scheme). It was Old Scheme till 1960 batch and there were some modifications in the entire course and examinations at various levels though duration was five-and-a-half-year plus one year Rotating Internship.

There were doyens of Professors like Anatomy Professor Dr. Raja Gopal, who got Ph.D for dissecting elephant; Pharmacological Professors Dr. Raghunath Rao and Dr. Harvey, Biochemistry Professor Lakshmi Narayanaih, Orthopaedic Professor Dr. Yathindranath Rai and his wife Dr. Amritha Rai, Dr. Krishna Bharghav and his wife as Pathology Professors, Dr. Indira Amla, Dr. J.V. Narayan and Dr. Padmini as Paediatric Professors, Dr. Lalitha Lingaih and Dr. Leelavathi Reddy as Gynaecology Professors. So also Dr. Sampath Kumar, Professor of Physiology and NCC Commander, Dr. Shariff and Dr. Krishnamurthy as Professors of Ophthalmology, Dr. Anekar, Professor of Preventive Medicine. Condensed medicine batchmates Dr. Kamala Raman, Dr. Shanthi Raman and Dr. Vedavathi were with me during the clinical course.

My nostalgia goes farther away 62 years and deeper attachment with this College where I got MBBS though I did my MD Medicine at Kasturba Medical College, Mangalore.

A full-time alumnus has deep respect, affection and trust with that institute. Also, there are temporary and migrant alumni, who join School, College or University and leave to another for their own reasons.

—Dr. T. Balakrishna Achar,
Senior Consultant Physician
Saraswathipuram
12.12.2023

Accused had a misguided fixation with revolutionaries

(Continued from page 4)

Neelam Singh

Neelam Singh from Ghaso Khurd village in Haryana's Jind was studying for civil services entrance exams in Hisar. "Neelam is my sister. We did not know she was in Delhi. We thought she was in Hisar for studies," said her younger brother. Neelam, being highly qualified was unemployed and had participated in farmers' protests.

Amol Shinde

Amol Shinde (25), from Maharashtra's Latur, informed his parents that he was going to Delhi for an army recruitment drive. A BA graduate from Zari village in Chakur Tehsil, Shinde, belonging to a Scheduled Caste community, did odd jobs as a daily wager while preparing for Police and army recruitment exams.

Vicky Sharma and wife

The fifth and sixth accused, Vicky Sharma and his wife from Gurugram, had unstable job situations. Although nothing suspicious was initially suspected, sources revealed that Vicky was known for assaulting his wife and abusing neighbours. Both have been detained by the Police.

Lalit Jha

The seventh accused, Lalit Jha, remains absconding. According to Police, all the accused stayed in Gurugram at Vickys house. All six reportedly wanted to enter the Lok Sabha, but only two managed to procure passes.

The Police have not yet traced the mobile phones of any of the accused. The authorities are investigating whether the accused received instructions from anyone or any organisation.

Obituary

Dr. Mala C. Undale

Mysuru, Dec. 14- Dr. Mala C. Undale (48), wife of retired Principal Dr. Lakshminarayana Rao and a resident of Kamatageri 2nd cross in Mandi Mohalla, passed away on Dec. 8 in city. She leaves behind her husband and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill on Dec. 9, according to family sources.

Pratap Simmha meets Lok Sabha Speaker, offers explanation

Police guarding the Office of MP Pratap Simmha in Mysuru this morning.

New Delhi, Dec. 14 (Agencies)- Under scrutiny from the Opposition over allegations of providing Parliament passes to individuals responsible for triggering panic in the Lok Sabha (LS) yesterday with gas canisters, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simmha met **LS Speaker Om Birla** last evening and briefed him about the accused persons.

Simmha told the Speaker that the father of accused D. Manoranjan, resides in his Constituency, Mysuru and had requested the pass to visit the new Parliament building, added the sources.

Sources said that the intruder remained in constant communication with Simmha's Personal Assistant (PA) and office regarding the visitor's pass. Simmha conveyed to the Lok Sabha Speaker that he possessed no additional information beyond what he had already stated.

According to reports, Manoranjan introduced co-accused Sagar Sharma as a friend to the MP's Office and got passes issued to them on the pretext of watching the new Parliament. Manoranjan had been pursuing Simmha and his Office for the pass for over three months.

Om Birla

Pratap Simmha

Three passes were issued at the behest of Simmha for Wednesday (Dec.13). However, one person, a woman, had to return as she arrived with her child whose name was not mentioned in her pass, reports added. Facing flak, Simmha's Office defended him, saying MPs generally entertain such requests from members of their Constituency.

How are visitor passes to Parliament issued?

Admission of visitors is governed by Rule 386 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha. The Rule, which deals with "admission, withdrawal and removal of strangers," states that "the admission of strangers during the sittings of the House to those portions of the House which are not reserved for the exclusive use of members shall be regulated in accordance with orders made by the Speaker."

According to the "Practice and Procedure of Parliament" by M.N. Kaul and S.L. Shakdher, "a member can apply for an issue of Visitors' Cards only for those who are very well known to them personally." Usually, visitors passes are issued for two hours.

And while applying for visitors' cards, members have to give a certificate saying "The above-named visitor is my relative/personal friend/known to me personally and I take full responsibility for him/her."

Must be personally known

In view of the security reasons, visitors have to carry a Photo Identity Card. The rules say "The names of visitors are required to be given in full and not with initials. The father's/husband's name of a visitor should also be given in full." There are similar rules for Rajya Sabha.

The rules say "Under the regulations, a member can apply for a visitor's card for a person who is known to him personally or in select cases for those who have been introduced to the member by a person who is personally known to him. It is in the latter class of cases that members are to exercise utmost care."

Significantly, it says "Members have to bear in mind that they are responsible for any untoward incident or undesirable thing happening in the galleries as a result of anything done by card holders issued at the request of such members."

Visitor gallery passes, entry of PAs banned

New Delhi, Dec. 14 (Agencies)- Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla has announced a ban on visitor gallery passes within the Parliament premises, said sources. The information comes amidst a backdrop of heightened security considerations.

Moreover, entry passes for PA of all MPs including Ministers have been revoked with immediate effect. Passes of PA to former MPs have also been revoked. The Speaker called for an all-party floor leader meeting last evening. Om Birla has demanded for a detailed report on how this security breach took place on the 22nd anniversary of the 2001 Parliament attack.

Reports also said that the Speaker has banned the entry of the Personal Assistants (PAs) of the MPs in the House. Before enforcing the ban, Om Birla dubbed the security breach as a serious issue. He also apprised the members that a review of the security arrangements would be done to ensure no such incident takes place in future.

Birla also said that action would be taken as per the probe report. Birla added that what had happened was a matter of concern. He hailed the MPs and the security marshals in the House for nabbing the two persons who had entered the main hall from the visitors' gallery.

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Anti-terror law against accused

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Accused met in Mysuru

The Delhi Police's investigation so far has found that the accused met in Mysuru about one-and-a-half years back and discussed how to go about the plan. Another meeting took place about nine months back at a farmers' protest near Chandigarh Airport.

Sagar Sharma came to Delhi from Lucknow this July. During that visit, he could not enter Parliament, but recced it from outside, carefully noting the security checks. To execute the plan for yesterday, the accused reached Delhi last Sunday. They put up at Vicky Sharma's home in Gurugram.

Amol Shinde got the smoke canisters from his hometown in Maharashtra and the canisters were distributed among the members of the group during a meeting at India Gate yesterday. All the six wanted to go inside Parliament, but only Sagar Sharma and Manoranjan managed to get the passes.

No common thread between them

The accused come from diverse educational backgrounds, different strata of society and belong to various regions of the country. With their ages also varying from the mid-20s to the late 30s, on the surface, there seems to be no common thread between them.

As investigators have dug a little deeper, however, some links have emerged — all of them are members of a social media page called the 'Bhagat Singh Fan Club' and at least two, Neelam Azad and Amol Shinde, failed to get the jobs despite repeated attempts. The accused have told the police that they planned the breach to highlight issues like unemployment, inflation and the violence in Manipur, and ensure that they are discussed in Parliament.

The Ministry of Home Affairs has ordered an enquiry and a panel has been set up under Anish Dayal Singh, DG, CRPF, involving other security agencies and experts.

IB Officers, State Intelligence team coordinate with Mysuru Police

Meanwhile, a team of two Intelligence Bureau (IB) Officers from New Delhi have arrived in Mysuru and are investigating the antecedents of Manoranjan and are probing his links with any other organisation.

The IB team is assisted by the State Intelligence and local Police officers. They are operating in utmost secrecy and the media has been kept outside with no access to names and photos. The locality of Manoranjan's house has been cordoned off.

Apart from searching the house of Manoranjan in Vijayanagar Second Stage, the IB team is also speaking to the local Police officers who had visited Manoranjan's house — at 3rd Cross, 15th Main — yesterday. Manoranjan's room is located on the second floor of the house and the Police have recovered several revolutionary literature and texts.

The teams are looking for computers, phones or laptops that were in Manoranjan's possession.

What has baffled the Police is how the accused — coming from different States, diverse educational backgrounds and different social status — could connect with each other and plan together to breach the high security zone. Nationwide, different IB teams are collating data, electronic evidence, social media footprint to trace the links to any terror organisations.

State intelligence officers and the local Police will speak to neighbours, Manoranjan's friends and will visit the places in Bengaluru where he stayed.

Training for pourakarmikas on safety in workplace held

Eight pourakarmikas given job letters

Mysuru, Dec. 14 (RK&KS)- Training on safety in workplace, awareness, skill and behaviour for pourakarmikas, organised by Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) in association with Harpic World Toilet College, was held at Rangacharlu Memorial Town Hall in the city.

Speaking after inaugurating the training programme, MCC Commissioner Ashaad-ur-Rahman Shariff said "Pourakarmikas involved in cleaning works should use safety gears and show good attitude towards their colleagues."

The training was conducted by Harpic World Toilet College State Manager M. Jagadish (Rithwin) and State Convenor M. Bindu (Raksha).

The MCC Commissioner also handed over appointment letters to seven pourakarmikas and one loader on compassion grounds on the occasion.

This is the fourth training programme by MCC and 1,000 beneficiaries have been trained so far. MCC Deputy Commissioner (Administration) G.S. Somashekar, MCC Zone-6 Zonal Officer Prathibha and Environmental Engineer Mythri were present.

Three arrested for sandalwood smuggling

Mysuru, Dec. 14 (MK&KS)- The Forest Mobile Squad personnel have arrested three persons on charges of smuggling sandalwood logs and a case has been registered at Mandi Police Station in city.

Those arrested are Raghavendra Gudigar of Sirsi, Sachin M. Gudigar of Soraba in Shivamogga and Narayan of Kesare in Mysuru.

Acting on a tip off that sandalwood was being smuggled from Sirsi to Mandi Mohalla in city, the Mysuru Division Forest Mobile Squad personnel, who conducted an operation arrested the three accused and seized 308-kg sandalwood logs from them.

A case has been registered at Mandi Police Station for further investigation.

Forest Cell CID SP Sudheerkumar Reddy and Madikeri Division CID SP S.S. Kashi guided Mysuru Forest Mobile Squad Sub-Inspector Lakshmi, Kollegal Forest Mobile Squad Sub-Inspector Vijayaraju, Sagar Forest Mobile Squad Sub-Inspector Vinayaka and Sakleshpur Forest Mobile Squad Sub-Inspector Swamy and staff Juhur Ahmed, Hemaraju, Krishnegowda and Arun who took part in the operation.

Four kids among seven rescued from beggary

Mysuru, Dec. 14 (MK&KS)- The City Police have rescued three women and four children from beggary at various places across the city.

The Special Juvenile Police Unit and Anti-Human Trafficking Unit, along with the District Children Protection Unit, Social Welfare Department, Childline, Labour Department and the Department of Women and Child Development, conducted the drives at K.R. Circle, City Bus Stand, Devaraj Urs Road, Old Bank road near Prabha Talkies, Gandhi Square, Ramaswamy Circle, Dasappa Circle, Rural Bus Stand, Govt. Ayurveda College and Hospital Circle, Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Mysuru zoo, Ele Thota, Manipal Hospital Junction and other places. The rescued women and children have been admitted to Sthree Seva Nikethan.

City Police Commissioner B. Ramesh said that "The special drive was held to prevent beggary, as it would bring a bad name to Mysuru, known as the Cultural City and added that two teams have been formed to conduct operations which will be held frequently."

Four go missing from city

B. Ramesh *Dhanalakshmi* *Honnashetty* *Mithra*

Mysuru, Dec. 14 (KS)- Four persons including an 80-year-old man have gone missing from Kuvempunagar Police limits in city.

In the first case, a 32-year-old man, who left his home on Oct. 25, 2021 at about 6.30 am, saying that he was going to Devaraja Market has since gone missing.

The missing man is B. Ramesh,5.5 ft. tall, oval faced, normal built, wheatish complexioned, speaks Kannada and was wearing a light pink colour shirt and black pant at the time of going missing.

In the second case, 50-year-old Dhanalakshmi, who left her house on May 14, 2021, has since gone missing.

She is 5.2 ft. tall, oval faced, normal built, dark complexioned, speaks Kannada and was wearing a green and grey colour saree and red blouse at the time of going missing.

In the third case, 80-year-old Honnashetty, who left his house for a walk on Feb. 12, 2020 at about 1 pm, has since gone missing. He is 5 ft. tall, round faced, normal built, wheatish complexioned, broad ears, hearing impaired, speaks Kannada and was wearing a black colour shorts, cream colour shirt and black slippers at the time of going missing.

In the fourth case, 42-year-old Mithra, who left his house on Jan. 20, 2020 at about 11 am, went missing later. He is 5.2 ft. tall, round faced, normal built, oily red complexioned, speaks Kannada, Hindi, Telugu and Tamil and was wearing a light colour shirt and navy blue pant when he left home. Contact Kuvempunagar Police on Ph: 0821-2418324 or 94808-02247.

NHAI's Rs. 9 crore makeover transforms accident spot

Mysuru-T. Narasipur Road upgraded till Chikkahalli to enhance safety and mitigate accidents

Mysuru, Dec. 14 (BLU, TRR& BCT)- In response to public concern over a poorly constructed road that led to a series of accidents, resulting in the loss of numerous lives, the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has undertaken a comprehensive upgrade of the stretch between the Ring Road Junction on T. Narasipur Road and Chikkahalli, investing Rs. 9 crore in the project.

The NHAI has transformed the road into a four-lane thoroughfare and installed a noteworthy 5 ft. tall road divider, now considered the second tallest in the State.

This is one of the busiest roads in Mysuru after the city centre and it connects many outstation destinations and newly formed layouts at the foot of Chamundi Hill. Moreover, there are many educational institutions and spiritual destinations on the stretch that are frequented by people all day long.

The two-and-a-half-kilometre road section, previously identified as a black spot, was prone to accidents due to its narrow design within a significant curve. The unscientific layout rendered vehicles from the opposite direction invisible to drivers, compounded by a slope that resulted in high-speed movements and a series of accidents.

High incidence of accidents

Accidents were prevalent along the stretch between the Ring Road Junction and Police Layout, particularly near Dr. Rajashekar Hospital and the Ring Road Junction curve, both featuring challenging slopes. Despite prior development by NHAI on the Mysuru-T. Narasipur Road, the two roads on the curve were left unaddressed, leading to a high incidence of accidents.

Although road humps, accident zone markings and speed limit signboards were installed, the combination of slopes and resulting speed made sudden braking challenging for drivers, and even zig-zag barricades failed to prevent accidents.

The alarming number of fatalities, including Police personnel, prompted the Police Department to designate these areas as black spots. A formal request was made to NHAI to implement scientifically sound improvements, endorsed by the District Administration.

In response to these concerns, the NHAI has successfully upgraded NH 766, widening the 2.6 km road between the Ring Road Junction and Chikkahalli at a cost of Rs. 3.46 crore per kilometre, taking the total to Rs. 9 crore. The four-lane road, with a width of 60 feet, features a central concrete divider.

Curves minimised

The significant curves on this stretch have been minimised and slopes reduced to enhance safety. The newly constructed 5 ft. tall road divider effectively prevents any crossing by people or animals, contributing to a reduction in accidents.

Similar issues persist in 14 other black spots within Mysuru city, necessitating urgent and scientifically sound repairs to mitigate road accidents. The section of the road from T. Narasipur Ring Road Junction to Chikkahalli falls under Siddarthanagar Traffic Police limits.

Between 2020 and 2023, 50 fatalities and 40 serious injuries have been reported due to accidents on this road. Unfortunately, details from previous years are unavailable, suggesting a significant historical toll that underscores the urgency of addressing road safety concerns on this stretch.

UoM Professor elected as Fellow of NASI

University of Mysore Professor K. Kemparaju** (extreme right) **receiving the recognition of being elected as a Fellow of National Academy of Sciences, India (NASI) from NASI President Prof. Balram Bhargava** (left) **and General Secretary Prof. Jayesh R. Bellare in Mumbai.

Mysuru, Dec. 14 (MTY&BCT)- Professor K. Kemparaju, Head of the Department of Biochemistry at the University of Mysore, has achieved the prestigious recognition of being elected as a Fellow of the **National Academy of Sciences, India (NASI)** in the year 2023.

This honour is in acknowledgment of his remarkable contributions in the fields of snake venom pharmacology, platelet and neutrophil biology. Prof. Kemparaju is the first Biochemistry Professor in India to receive this recognition.

The recognition ceremony took place at the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) in Mumbai from Dec. 3 to Dec. 5. The award was presented by NASI President Prof. Balram Bhargava, who was the Secretary of the Department of Health Research and Director General, Indian Council of Medicl Research (ICMR) and NASI General Secretary Prof. Jayesh R. Bellare, Institute Chair Professor, Department of Chemical Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay.

Prof. Kemparaju's groundbreaking work includes demonstrating that NETosis is the pivotal mechanism behind viper-bite induced sustained tissue decay, a process that can be alleviated through deoxyribonuclease treatment. His research team is actively engaged in exploring the complexities of snake venom pharmacodynamics and platelet biology. Their investigations delve into understanding mechanisms related to sustained tissue decay from viper bites, venom-induced oxidative stress and hypoxia.

The team is also focused on studying venom neutralisation strategies, utilising both anti-venom and small molecules. Their research extends to examining venom variability influenced by the geographic distribution of snake species. Furthermore, they are deeply involved in characterising molecules derived from snake venom that hold therapeutic importance.

Previously, the Nature Publishing Group recognised Prof. Kemparaju's group's research as a landmark discovery, gaining wide publicity through press releases and featuring in prestigious publications such as *National Geographic* and other renowned news journals.

Among their notable findings, the group revealed the toxic role of the hyaluronidase enzyme in snake venom pathophysiology, challenging the previous assumption that it only served a digestive role.

This discovery is considered a milestone in venom research, receiving special emphasis in a dedicated issue of the *Toxicon* journal. The translation of these research findings has the potential to significantly reduce the burden of snakebites and save the limbs and lives of countless snakebite victims annually.

Selected for National Karate Tourney

Mysuru, Dec. 14- **Jhon Daniel**, son of Albert and a student of Savithri Convent High School, Ashoka Road, Mysuru, has excelled in the State-level Karate Tournament conducted at Shivamogga by the Department of School Education and Literacy and has been selected for the National-level Karate Tournament which will be held at New Delhi from Dec. 15 to 17.

Gandhi Shilp Bazaar - 2023

Handicrafts & Handloom Expo-cum-Sale at JSS Mysore Urban Haat from tomorrow

Mysuru, Dec. 14- For the development, prosperity and survival of Indian Handicrafts, the Office of Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Ministry of Textiles, Government of India, as a national-level nodal agency, provides an exhibition and marketing system by organising several fairs every year to provide a direct market to artisans. One such important event, **Gandhi Shilp Bazaar** is being organised in Mysuru at JSS Mysore Urban Haat in Hebbal.

The All India Handicrafts & Handloom Expo-cum-Sale will be inaugurated by MP Pratap Simmha tomorrow (Dec. 15) at 4 pm. MLA G.T. Devegowda will preside. Ministers Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, Sharanabasappa Darshanapur and Shivaraj S. Tangadagi will be the chief guests. Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra, City Police Commissioner B. Ramesh, Commissioner of Department of Handlooms and Textiles, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, K. Vivekanandan, KSHDCL-Bengaluru Managing Director Dr. G. Vishwanath, MCC Commissioner Ashaad-ur-Rahman Shariff, JSS Mahavidyapeetha Executive Director Dr. C.G. Betsurmath, Regional Director, O/o DCH, Ministry of Textiles, Chennai, M. Prabhakaran and Assistant Director, HSC, O/o DCH, Ministry of Textiles, Mysuru, K.S Sunilkumar will be the guests of honour.

The Expo-cum-Sale will be open from Dec. 15 to 24 between 10.30 am and 9 pm. Entry is free.

The objective of this programme is to provide a direct marketing platform to various artisans from different parts of the country. Participating artisans are planning to use their handicrafts to create innovative designs for the market, knowing the needs and tastes of the consumers. Around 100 artisans, handloom weavers, including national and State award winning artisans from all States of the country will unveil their masterpieces at the exhibition in Mysuru.

Wood Carving, Stone Sculpture, Bronze Idols, Wood Hanging Art, Earthen Pottery, Paper, Carpet, Cotton Jamaka, Imitation Jewellery, Wood Carved Artifacts, Batik, Kalamkari Painting, Leather Charms, Thanjavur, Mysore Style Painting, Artistic Leather Slippers, Channapatnam Dolls, Embroidery Art, Chhattisgarh Dhokra Casting, Maheshwari of Madhya Pradesh, Chanderi Sarees, Patola Sarees of Gujarat, Pattachitra of Odisha, silver fine design items, Shitala Patti, Bamboo-cane items, Chikan embroidery, Bamboo art items of Meghalaya, Dry plovers, Gujarati handicrafts and Garments, handicrafts of Rajasthan and embroidered items, artistic metalwork of Uttar Pradesh, artistic Stoneware, printed textiles, Madhubani painting of Bihar, Phulkari fabrics of Punjab, Aragini Bangles will be available for viewing and purchase under one roof at this expo.

This fair facilitates direct contact and communication between consumers and producers without middlemen and also facilitates the bonding between consumers and artisans. Free stalls will be given to artisans. In addition, travelling allowance and daily allowance will also be given by the Handicrafts Development Commissioner's Office.

900 applications: Artisans, who wished to participate in the Gandhi Shilp Bazaar being held at JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Mysuru, were invited to apply online. Only 100 artisans were allowed in this fair. However, 900 artisans from across the country had applied.

Artisans who have applied are selected through the portal of the Department and artisans are not allowed to participate in the fair directly. This is an example of the competitive participation of artisans from all over the country in the fair of JSS Mysore Urban Haat in Mysuru.

Since this year, 197 Handicrafts and Handloom fairs are being organised by the Department across the country and it is also special that JSS Mysore Urban Haat has been considered for organising the fairs. Due to the system in JSS Mysore Urban Haat, the patronage expressed by the customers, the affinity, the artistry of the people here, the number of artisans participating in the JSS Mysore Urban Haat has increased and the demand has also increased along with the competition.

For details, contact A. Rakesh Rai of JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Mysuru, on Mob: 85534-16939.

Malabar Gold & Diamonds

launches 'Mine Diamond Festival'

Mysuru, Dec. 14- Malabar Gold & Diamonds, one of the largest jewellery retailers in the world, has launched 'Mine Diamond Festival' across all showrooms in the country, showcasing a wide range of captivating diamond ornaments from its exclusive brand Mine Diamonds.

The exclusive exhibition and sale of exquisite creations in gold, diamond and precious gem jewellery was unveiled at their Mysore Showroom on Dec. 11 by Malabar Gold privilege customers Anusha, Apoorva Shivanna and Avishka Suresh in the presence of Assistant Store Head Fasalu Rahman, and other Management members.

The intricately crafted ornaments are creations of master craftsmen. Each piece illustrates their expertise and ingenious skills, justifying the theme of the show 'Experience Wearable Art.'

In addition, the festival which will run until Jan. 14, has unveiled a significantly large collection of modern, stylish, traditional as well as contemporary designer jewellery in tune with the evolving taste of jewellery lovers.

Apart from wowing the customers with a vast range of ornaments crafted in gold, white gold and platinum displayed under Mine Diamond, Malabar Gold & Diamonds is also offering upto 25% discount on diamond value during this festival period. Customers at the Mine Diamond Festival have a rare opportunity to buy the diamond jewellery at the most affordable price.

To offer the highest levels and international standards of quality jewellery, Mine Diamond ornaments pass through a 28-point stringent internal quality check. Also these diamonds are certified from international labs GIA and IGI.

Malabar Gold & Diamonds offers special benefits for wedding purchases as well as advance booking facility by paying 10% of the value, upfront to its customers.

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

Valedictory of National Awareness Campaign in city on Dec. 20, 21

Mysuru, Dec. 14 (BNR)- Adarsha Seva Sangha, Mysuru, has organised the valedictory of National Awareness Campaign organised as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav at Kalamandira in city on Dec. 20 and 21.

Dec. 20

3 pm: Dance recital by Vidu. Nagalakshmi Nagarajan of Champaka Academy. Sri Paramatmaji Maharaj Swamiji will grace the occasion. Dr. Pavagada Prakash Rao will inaugurate the programme; **4 pm:** Bharatanatyam recital by Vidu. Preethi Kumar and Vidu. Neethi Kumar; **6 pm:** Cultural programme by Natya Samskruti Kalaniketha-na troupe, Rajarajeswarinagar.

Dec. 21

7.30 am: Ganapathi Puje in the presence of Sri Paramatmaji Maharaj Swamiji. Veda Ghosha by Veda Balaga, Mysuru, led by Sri Ananta Joshi. Bhajans and Devaranama by Subbarao and troupe.

11 am: Stage programme and felicitation to achievers. Retired Justice N. Kumar will preside. Tumakuru Ramakrishna Vivekananda Ashram President Swami Veereshananda Saraswathi will deliver keynote address. Noted violinist Dr. Mysore Manjunath will release the audio and lyrics of 25 songs. Paediatric Cardiologist Dr. Vijayalakshmi Balekundri will be present. National Awareness Campaign Reception Committee Hon. President M. Jagannath Shenoy will address the gathering.

1.30 pm: Dr. Nagalakshmi Nagarajan and Vidu. SKR Jilanibhasha will present vocal recital, dance feature and kolata.

5.30 pm: Valedictory and prize distribution ceremony. Benediction by Sri Paramatmaji Maharaj Swamiji. Dr. Vijayalakshmi Balekundri and Dr. Shelvapillai Iyengar will be present.

Security breach at New Parliament House, Delhi

Congress workers protest in front of MP Simmha's Mysuru Office

Mysuru, Dec. 14 (MK&BS)- Following the security breach at New Parliament House in New Delhi yesterday, Mysuru City and District Congress Committee workers staged a flash protest in city yesterday against Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simmha.

They staged the protest in front of the main gate of Jaladarshini Guest House on Hunsur Road, where Simmha's Office is also located as two suspects — D. Manorajan and Sagar Sharma — among the five arrested by the Delhi Police for creating a ruckus at the Parliament, by spraying smoke canisters, were issued visitors passes to the Gallery of Lok Sabha Chamber from MP Simmha's Office in the city.

Earlier, the Congress protesters, who raised slogans against Simmha, also made a vain bid to lay siege to his Office, by jumping over the barricades erected in front of the main gate. They also demanded the Police to conduct spot mahazar at his Office and keep Simmha under suspension in Lok Sabha. Demanding the immediate arrest of MP Simmha, the Congress leaders and workers, who insisted the Police to allow them to lock the office of the latter, also made a bid to jump over the compound wall of Jaladarshini Guest House.

When the Police personnel thwarted all their attempts to get inside the Guest House premises, the irked Mysuru District Rural Congress Committee President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar, City Congress President R. Murthy, former Mayor Ayub Khan and Congress leader M. Pradeep Kumar entered into a wordy duel with the Police. Following this, tense situation prevailed for more than one hour, as the aggrieved protesters staged a road block by sleeping in the middle of Hunsur Road, bringing the traffic into a screeching halt.

Speaking on the occasion, KPCC Spokesperson M. Lakshmana said: "Manoranjan, one of the suspects in the case of security breach at LS was formerly associated with BJP IT Cell. He had hatched the plot at the MP's Office on Dec. 7, 2023. Hence spot mahazar should be conducted at MP's Office and CCTV footages and documents should be verified."

"It is a conspiracy ahead of forthcoming Lok Sabha elections. Had a Muslim youth been involved in the case, they would have created an uproar. Neither of the suspects arrested by the Police are dalits, but they have raised 'Jai Bheem' slogan, which again seems to be a conspiracy. Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) probe has to be conducted in all these angles. MP Pratap Simmha should be sacked from the Parliament," urged Lakshman.

Rural Congress Committee President Dr. Vijaykumar recalled the words of Prime Minister Narendra Modi that he wouldn't allow even an ant to sneak inside the Parliament, which has become false with the security breach.

Former Mayors T.B. Chikkanna, Pushpalatha Chikkanna and Modamani, former Corporator H.S. Nandeesh Preetham, leaders Bhaskar, Basavanna, Eshwar Chakkadi, Dairy Venkatesh, Mahesh, Youth Congress Office-bearers and hundreds of party workers took part in the protest.

When Parliament itself is not secure, what about situation at borders?

CM Siddharamaiah poses a series of questions

Siddharamaiah

Bengaluru, Dec. 14- The incident of security breach at Parliament House in New Delhi yesterday has given much ammo to ruling Congress party in the State, with Chief Minister Siddharamaiah slamming Central Government, especially Prime Minister Narendra Modi seeking his reply over how can we be assured of the country's borders, when the Parliament House itself is not secure.

In a media release on his 'X' (formerly twitter) handle, Siddharamaiah has observed that "It is natural that questions regarding the security of borders would obviously rise when the Sansat Bhavan (Parliament House) is not secure. Modi holds the responsibility of answering all these questions."

"Yesterday's incident inside Parliament Gallery is not just condemnable, but alarming, with Parliamentarians remaining unharmed, the only solace in the whole incident. However, it is disturbing to note that the incident happened despite heavy security in place. It is amply clear that the security breach has occurred and it is the prime duty of the Centre, mainly Home Minister Amit Shah to unravel the truth behind the incident before the country by conducting an impartial probe," demanded Siddharamaiah.

"If keenly observed, the miscreants chose to carry out their sinister act on the day of anniversary of Parliament attack (Dec. 13, 2001), that triggers suspicion over any plot. Moreover, during the attack on Parliament during 2001, it was BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) Government that was in power. Now, there are many questions over country's safety," said Siddharamaiah.

"If there was any truth behind passes issued to suspects from Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simmha's Office, the MP should also be subjected to probe at the earliest. The suspects should be either known to the MP, if not, how did the MP issue passes to strangers? Even a mishap due to callous attitude is liable for punishment within the ambit of law. Sansat Bhavan, which is considered as the heart of the country, has an impregnable security, but still how did the youths manage to get inside with smoke bombs? Is there any insider's involvement in the case? Or has any external forces orchestrated the incident involving youths in executing their plan?" — Prime Minister Modi should answer all these and many more questions that have been mooted in the wake of security breach at the Parliament House, demanded Siddharamaiah in his tweet.

Why did MP issue passes to such people?

D.K. Shivakumar

Meanwhile, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar said: "MP Pratap Simmha is an intelligent person, why did he issue passes to such people?" Saying that he doesn't want to take the name of Simmha, Shivakumar, who came down heavily on the former said, "It is alleged that the passes were issued to the youths involved in yesterday's incident by Simmha's Office. Everybody is calling and enquiring about the incident. I saw it on TV, the intruders jumped from the top..."

A shopping mall has more security than Parliament House: KPCC

Bengaluru, Dec. 14- Reacting to the security breach at the Parliament House yesterday, Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) has condemned the incident and called it as a glaring example of Central Government's total failure to protect the country.

KPCC on 'X' (formerly Twitter) has launched a scathing attack on BJP-led Central Government, reminding the attack on Parliament on the same day (Dec. 13) in 2001, when BJP was in power. Now, the attack has been carried out inside the Parliament which shows the Centre has failed to protect the MPs.

When Khalistani terrorists had issued a warning to carry out blasts at the Parliament by Dec. 13, why the security parameters at Parliament was neglected? Can anybody barge into the Parliament House built at a whopping cost of Rs. 20 lakh crore?

When shopping malls boast of better security measures, it is a tragedy that the Parliament House lacks adequate security, rued KPCC.

How the BJP leaders would have reacted, if the passes were issued to suspects by Congress MPs? Why the BJP leaders are silent now, as if nothing has happened? Why are the BJP leaders tight-lipped over security lapse? asked KPCC.

The suspects got passes from Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simmha's Office. Do they belong to his (Simmha) inner circle? Was Simmha also a part of the conspiracy? Why Pratap Simmha hasn't been taken into custody to probe into all these angles?

It is a tragedy that MP Simmha, who always keeps harping on, is also a part of the plot and the Lok Sabha Speaker should sack him as an MP and order for a probe, demanded the KPCC on 'X'.

WORD OF THE DAY

Abnegate

Pronunciation: AB-nih-gayt.
Meaning: Abnegate is a formal word that is most often used to mean "to deny or renounce" in contexts relating to responsibility: if you abnegate your responsibilities, you deny them and refuse to do what those responsibilities require. Abnegate can also mean "to surrender or relinquish," especially in contexts in which someone is abandoning their own desires or interests.
Origin: There's no denying that the Latin root negāre, meaning "to deny," has given English some useful words, among them abnegate, which is used in formal settings to mean "to deny or renounce" (with responsibilities typically being the thing denied), and "to surrender or relinquish" (with personal desires or self-interest being the thing surrendered). Abnegate combines negāre with the Latin prefix ab-, meaning "from or away." (The related noun abnegation means "denial" or "self-denial.") Other negāre relations include negative, negate, renegade, and deny.
Example: "The Athletics' move to Las Vegas isn't official yet, but MLB ownership is expected to rubber-stamp it. ... The league, enabled by Nevada politicians, has displayed shocking arrogance and abnegated its responsibility to fans—a stark reminder that enriching billionaires ultimately is baseball's top priority." — Mark Hill, The New Republic, 29 June 2023

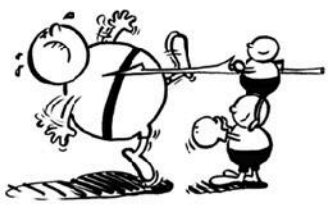
THE ODD WORD

Abreuvoir

Joint or gap between two stones in masonry.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

The bigger they are the harder they fall



Meaning: You use the expression 'The bigger they are the harder they fall' to indicate that the more powerful or successful someone is, the more disastrous a loss is to accept.
Origin: The origin of the phrase 'The bigger they are the harder they fall' is believed to have come from the sport of boxing. Not surprisingly, there were earlier expressions that meant the same thing and used similar wording. One of the first recorded incidences is in the poet Claudian's Rufian, essentially translating to "Men are raised on high in order that they may fall more heavily."
Example: "The Ravens are bitter about losing the championship game. The bigger they are, the harder they fall!"

QUOTE BOX

Never give up. Today is hard, tomorrow will be worse, but the day after tomorrow will be sunshine. **—Jack Ma**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

GETTINGITALL

Answer: Getting it all together.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Emit a steady light
5 Fly-by-night
8 Spheres or globes
12 Leonardo da Vinci's ___ Lisa
13 Aerospace Industries Assoc.
14 Ship, vessel or craft
15 Incite or encourage
16 Ex-Aussie wicket keeper (3,5)
18 The peak of a cap
19 Sarcasm or ridicule
20 Blend
21 American University or famous lock?
23 Little devil
25 Role for Elijah Wood
27 Indicated or meant
31 Moon as a prefix ?
32 Augustine's pet name?
33 Search for extraterrestrial intelligence, acronym?
34 Popular pizza seasoning
36 Stolen property dealer
37 Actress Longoria
38 He is a titled person
39 Faux ___ : a social blunder?
42 Organic compound
44 Greek goddess of the dawn
47 Added on to, coupled
49 Internal as a prefix?
50 Remain
51 Unit of work or energy in physics
52 Skin blemish
53 Wise person
54 Distance Measuring Equip.
55 A small swelling

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

F	E	A	R		L	I	D		S	T	E	T
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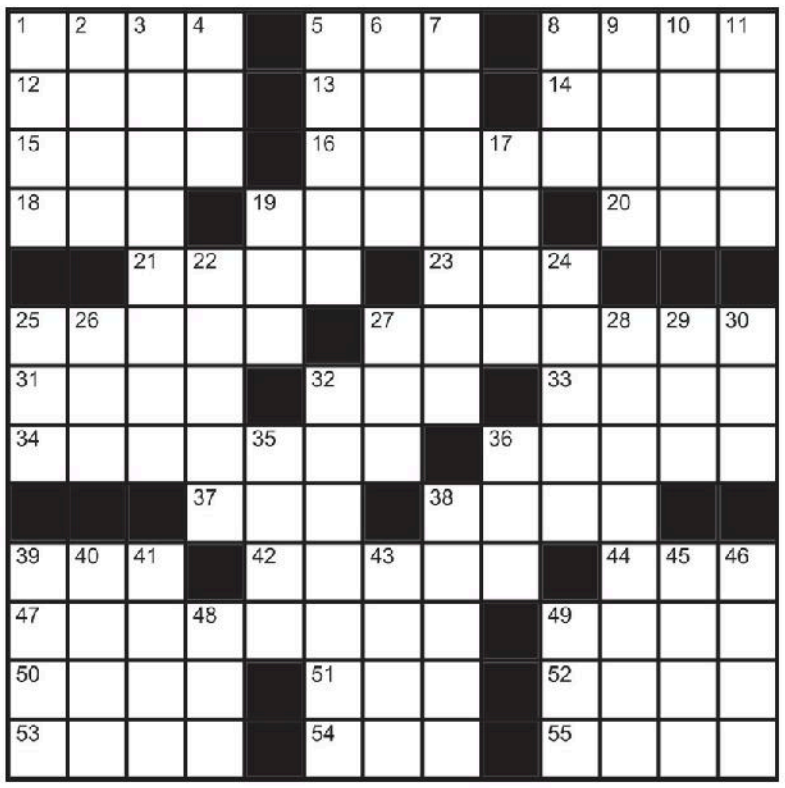
DOWN
1 FBI agent (slang) (1-3)
2 Part of the ear
3 Singly and successively (3,2,3)
4 Buddhist monastery
5 Laissez-_____ : policy of non-interference
6 Ex-Chinese leader Lin ____
7 Child minders
8 Queen's birthday list honour, in short
9 Wander about aimlessly
10 Indonesian island
11 River of Hades
17 Song of praise
19 Specialized U.N. agency
22 A proverb
24 Difficult question
25 Petname for Florence
26 Robot drama by Karel Capek
27 Pair
28 Propensity, inclination
29 And so on, and so on
30 Depart - with engraved stamp, should we say?
32 Ground one's teeth together
35 French preposition
36 In favour of
38 Shelf; ridge of rocks
39 Go by
40 Indian wheaten flour
41 Male deer
43 Limited period of time
45 Rooms within harems
46 ___ of : as it were, to some extent?
48 "Yea" anagram meaning yes?
49 PC panic button



SUDOKU

	1	6						8
3	4			8				
			4		7			3
9			7			6		
		3			1			9
4			8		2			
				1			4	2
5						1	9	

Answer to previous puzzle

8	5	6	4	1	7	3	2	9
2	1	9	6	8	3	5	4	7
3	7	4	9	5	2	1	8	6
7	3	1	2	9	4	8	6	5
5	9	2	3	6	8	7	1	4
6	4	8	1	7	5	2	9	3
4	8	3	7	2	9	6	5	1
1	2	7	5	4	6	9	3	8
9	6	5	8	3	1	4	7	2

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

UQBNIPVFG VW I DUPPUL WIRUYBILQ FR

SVDULPH PZIG I WPIGQVGY ILTH.

TODAY'S CLUE: Y EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Young people have an almost biological destiny to be hopeful.

MOVIE LOVERS

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- **Sangam Theatre** — **Ph: 2520494**
  Marichi (K) - 2 Shows; *Hi Nanna (Te)* - 2 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — **Ph: 2420885**
  Kaiva (K) - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — **Mob: 99008-20093**
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- **Padma Theatre** — **Ph: 2521923**
  Japan (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Thibbadevi Theatre** — **Ph: 2452958**
  Japan (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** — **Ph: 2422871**
  Bad Manners (K) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — **Ph: 2497199**
  Animal (H) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — **Ph: 2423554**
  Conjuring Kannappan (Ta) - 4 Shows

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Animal (H)	(S-1)	10.25 am, 2.20 pm
		6.15 pm, 10.05 pm
Animal (H)	(S-3)	3.55 pm, 7.40 pm
Wonka (E)	(S-2)	10.30 am
Sapta Sagardaache Ello - B (K)	(S-2)	1.20 pm
Sam Bahadur (H)	(S-2)	4.15 pm, 7.10 pm
Hi Nanna (Te)	(S-2)	10.05 pm
	(S-4)	10.15 am, 4.05 pm, 7 pm
Kaiva (K)	(S-3)	10.20 am
	(S-4)	1.20 pm, 10 pm
Sneharshi (K)	(S-3)	1.30 pm

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Animal (H)	:	10.00 am, 2.10 pm
		5.50 pm, 9.30 pm
Kaiva (K)	:	10.30 am, 1.40 pm, 6.55 pm
Extra Ordinary Man (Te)	:	11.15 am, 6.30 pm
Hi Nanna (Te)	:	1.05 pm, 9.25 pm
Marichi (K)	:	4.00 pm
Conjuring Kannappan (Ta)	:	4.15 pm, 9.30 pm

PVR CINEMAS — 4K Dolby 7.1

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Extra Ordinary Man (Te)	:	9.10 am, 12.30 pm, 6.30 pm
Animal (H)	:	9.15 am, 10.15 am, 10.50 am
		1.20 pm, 2.20 pm, 5.25 pm
		5.55 pm, 6.25 pm, 9.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Hi Nanna (Te)	:	9.15 am, 12.30 pm, 3.45 pm, 7.00 pm
Wonka (E)	:	9.30 am, 3.50 pm, 9.15 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	10.05 am
Kaiva (K)	:	12.10 pm
Conjuring Kannappan (Ta)	:	2.55 pm, 10.00 pm
Sam Bahadur (H)	:	3.10 pm
Marichi (K)	:	6.25 pm
A Ranjith Cinema (Ma)	:	9.50 pm

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Animal (H)	:	9.30 am, 10.00 am, 1.35 pm
		2.05 pm, 5.40 pm, 6.10 pm
		9.45 pm, 10.15 pm
Wonka (E)	:	10.30 am, 7.30 pm
Hi Nanna (Te)	:	11.25 am, 6.45 pm
Sam Bahadur (H)	:	1.10 pm, 10.00 pm
Extra Ordinary Man (Te)	:	2.40 pm, 10.10 pm
Sapta Sagaradaache Ello - B (K)	:	4.25 pm

EVENTS TODAY (DEC. 14)

- **Desiranga Samskrutika Samsthe, Mysuru:** Seminar and Interaction as part of Theatre Training Camp, Kannada & Culture Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjuaswamy inaugurates, Theatre Person Rajashekar Kadamba presides, Rangayana Senior Artiste Ramanath delivers lecture on 'Yuvakarige Rangabhumiya Avashyakate,' another Rangayana Senior Artiste Krishnakumar Namakaje delivers talk on 'Play Beputakkadi Boleshankara,' Theatre Rehearsal Room, Kalamandira premises, **4.30 pm.**
- **PGL Samsmarana Vedike:** Ganakala Bhushana P.G. Lakshminarayana (PGL) Memorial Programme, Felicitation to mridanga scholar Vidwan C. Cheluvaraju, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha Secretary KSN Prasad presides, Vidwan H.K. Narasimhamurthy chief guest, **6 pm;** Vocal concert by *Ganakala Shri* **Vid. Sampagodu Vighnaraja,** Vidu. Sindhu Suchethan - violin, Vid. C. Cheluvaraju - mridanga and Vid. Sharath Koushik - ghata, Mysore Vasudevacharya Bhavan, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6.30 pm.**

- **Pramati Educational Institutions:** Pramati Utsava - 2023 (1st Session), renowned actor, director and writer S.N. Sethuram guest of honour, Kalamandira, **4.30 pm.**
- **Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), Mysuru Local Centre and ISHRAE, Mysuru:** Talk on 'Energy Conservation of AIR Distribution System' on the occasion of National Energy Conservation Day, R. Gopalakrishnan, Engineer-in-Charge, FRPACV, Scientific Officer F-Grade, Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research, Kalpakkam, Distinguished Lecturer (DL), ISHRAE HQ, New Delhi, Past President, ISHRAE, Kalpakkam Chapter and Chair, Apex Advisory Member, Membership Promotion Committee 2023-2024, guest speaker, Dr. R. Deepu, Chairman, IEI, Mysuru, presides, S.P. Bhat Hall, IEI, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (DEC. 15)

- **Mysore HR Forum, Edin Bridge Foundation, Mysuru, SDM IMD, Mysuru and Rotary Mysore:** 'HR Dasara 2023 – An insight into Mysuru Industrial Prosperity,' a one-day Industry & Culture Conference, SDM Institute for Management Development (SDM IMD), Chamundi Hill Road, **9.30 am.** [Mob: 70220-36998 or 99640-05854]
- **Pramati Educational Institutions:** Pramati Utsava-2023 (2nd Session), Pramati alumni Hamsini S. Kumar (singer) and Enosh Olivera (cinematographer) guests of honour, **9.30 am;** College Day celebrations, JSS AHER Vice-Chancellor Dr. Surinder Singh chief guest, Kalamandira, **4.30 pm.**
- **JSS Mahavidyapeetha - JSS Science and Technology University (JSS STU) - SJCE:** Commemorating Diamond Jubilee Celebrations, 5th International Conference on Cognitive Computing and Information Processing (CCIP 2023), Prof. Dr. P. Sellappan Palaniappan, Dean, School of Information Technology, Malaysia University of Science and Technology, Malaysia, chief guest, Prof. M.H. Dhananjaya, Advisor, TED, JSS Mahavidyapeetha and Dr. B. Suresh, Director, TED, JSS Mahavidyapeetha, guests of honour, Dr. A.N. Santosh Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, JSS STU, presides, Dr. C. Nataraju, Principal, JSS STU and Prof. Dr. S.A. Dhanaraj, Registrar, JSS STU, will be present, Seminar Hall, Golden Jubilee Bhavan, JSS STU, **10.30 am.**
- **Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Research And Extension Centre, Manasagangothri:** 74th Constitution Day - Special Lecture Series, Dr. K.L. Chandrashekar, Assistant Professor, Vidyavardhaka Law College, Mysuru, delivers lecture on 'Bharatada Samvidhana mattu Ambedkar Kattabayasida Bharata,' Prof. R. Kavitha, Principal, D. Devaraj Urs Government First Grade College, Hunsur, presides, D. Devaraj Urs Government First Grade College, Hunsur, **10.30 am.**
- **National Institute of Personnel Management (NIPM), Mysore Chapter and Department of Studies (DoS) in Social Work, University of Mysore (UoM):** 5th edition of STUNA 2023, a National Conference on 'Shaping Tomorrow's Leaders - For 21st Century Knowledge Era), Tumakuru Ramakrishna Vivekananda Ashram President Swami Veereshananda Saraswathi inaugurates, UoM VC Prof. N.K. Lokanath chairs, former Tumkur University VC Col. (Prof.) Dr. Y.S. Siddegowda delivers keynote address, **10.30 am;** Technical Session-1 on 'Shaping Tomorrow's Leaders,' NIPM Karnataka Chapter Hon. Chairman A.U. Dinesh, NIPM Mysore Past Chairman Dr. Harish Machaiah and Cyient Global Learning & OD Director Nilanjana Bhaduri - panellists, Toyota Kirloskar Motors' Dr. B. Jagadish - moderator, **12 noon to 1.30 pm;** Technical Session-2 on 'Future of Work,' Movate Chief People Officer Anish Philip, SIS Group Enterprises SVP-HR Shoba Saji, SJCE Environmental Engineering Professor Dr. B.M. Sadashiva Murthy and PepsiCo former Senior Director HR and Avtar Advisor Kannan Hariharan - panellists, NIPM Mysore VP and GRAAM Executive Director Dr. Basavaraju R. Shreshta - moderator, **2.30 pm to 4 pm;** Valedictory Panel - Taj Hotels SVP (retd.) and Global CHRO and Tara Trusts Senior Advisor H.N. Srinivas, UoM Registrar V.R. Shylaja, NIPM India Hon. National President Dr. M.H. Raja, NIPM Hon. National GS P.R. Basavaraju, Dept. of Labour ALC Naziya Sulthana, NIPM Mysore Past Chairman Gopalkrishna Sastry and NIPM National Vice-President Anand Toal will be present, Senate Bhavan, Manasagangothri, **2.30 pm to 4 pm.**
- **DoS in Library and Information Science, UoM:** Inauguration of Mysore University Library and Information Science Students Association (MULISSA) by UoM Finance Officer K.S. Rekha, retd. Librarian Dr. C.P. Ramashesha delivers special lecture, DoS in Library and Information Science Chairman & MULISSA President Prof. M. Chandrashekar presides, Dr. S.R. Ranganathan auditorium, DoS in Library and Information Science, Manasagangothri, **10.30 am.**
- **South Western Railway, Mysuru:** Nationwide Pension Adalat, Shilpi Agarwal, DRM, Mysuru Division, chairs, Divisional Railway Manager's Office, Mysuru, **11 am.**
- **Malini Nrityashale mattu Samskruti Kendra, Mysuru and Directorate of Kannada & Culture, Bengaluru:** Bharatanatyam by Malini Nrityashale, Sri Lakshmivenkateshwara Temple auditorium, KRS Road, Vontikoppal, **6 pm.**
- **United Christian Forum, Mysuru Zone, Mysore Christians Caring Forum & Pentecostal Pastors Fellowship:** Christmas Get-together, City Police Commissioner B. Ramesh chief guest, Diocese of Mysore Apostolic Administrator Most Rev. Dr. Bernard Moras presides, Southern Range DIGP Office Dy.SP Ravindra Hosamani guest of honour, ICRM Central Church, Medar Block, Bamboo Bazaar, **6 pm.**

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Sam Bahadur (H)	(S-4)	10.20 pm
Sapta Sagaradaache Ello - B (K)	(S-3)	1.10 pm
Wonka (E)	(S-3)	7.35 pm; (S-4) 1.25 pm
Hi Nanna (Te)	(S-3)	9.55 am, 4.20 pm, 10.10 pm
Extra (Ordinary Man) (Te)	(S-4)	10.05 am, 7.00 pm

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Wonka (E)	:	10.05 am, 4.35 pm
Extra Ordinary Man (Te)	:	10.25 am, 3.55 pm, 10.30 pm
Hi Nanna (Te)	:	12.40 pm, 7.15 pm
Marichi (K)	:	1.45 pm
Kaiva (K)	:	7.10 pm
Sapta Sagaradaache Ello - B (K)	:	10.10 pm

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